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シン=ウォルフオード

「大切な人を守るように、
世界の危機に立ち向かえるように
頑張りましょう」

オリビア=ストーン

ユーリ=カールトン

『ウツァァァァ!』

そう言つて揺声の魔道具から離れると……

これまで一番の敵声が上がった。
皆、決意を込めた目をしている。
生徒動員とか一番死に近い気がするからな
これからの授業と実地訓練で
実力を上げてもらわないと
そう思つて、皆にも
訓練を頑張ろうと言つたのだが、
思った以上に学生達の心に響いたようだ。
拍手と歓声が鳴りやまない。

「魔王!」

「魔王様ステキ!」

「良いぞ! 魔王!」

ゼスト

アメン=フラー

「……フン。厭らしく笑いおつて」

ゼストは手のひらをフラーの額の上にかざした。かざした手から黒い魔力が溢れ、フラーの頭を覆っていく。傍目からみれば、異様な光景なのであるが、黒い魔力に包まれているフラーは、一向に気付く様子もない。苦しんでいる様子もない。ゼストがしばらく黒い魔力を放射しつづけていると、やがてフラーの口元にニヤリと厭らしい笑みが浮かぶ。

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CHAPTER 59

MY TONGUE SLIPPED

This was the worst situation possible.

Somehow the title of “Magic King” which I wanted to avoid was given to me by Uncle Dis during the decoration ceremony.

If he declares it in such an official setting, It will spread throughout the Royal Capital in the blink of an eye.

When I take a walk through the city...

“Oh! Magic King!”

“Kyaaa! Shin Magic King-san!”

“King of the Wizards... Truly appropriate.”

Whenever someone calls out to me, “Magic King” will be attached to my name.

“I can’t even walk outside anymore...” (Shin)

“I used to be really shy when people talked to me, but I got used to it eventually.” (Sicily)

“I don’t want to get used to it...” (Shin)

“Didn’t you get used to the team name almost immediately? You’ll get used to your title before you know it.” (Sicily)

Sicily sat next to me and smiled.

Sicily is as warm hearted as ever even when she’s worrying about me. She really is a good girl...

“Well now Sicily, you’ve tamed Shin perfectly haven’t you?” (Melinda)

My Grandmother was grinning while I was soaking in Sicily's kindness.

I forgot about Grandpa and Grandma...

By the way, Sicily began living in our house after returning from the Rittenheim Resort.

Just like that, she started getting closer to Grandpa, Grandma and the servants.

Before becoming my bride, she has to get accustomed to living with the Walfords so this is like an extension of the vacation.

She also sleeps at our house. However, my grandmother's surveillance is...

"Oh? But i had no such intention..." (Sicily)

"Don't worry about taming your husband. The marriage will be happier if that's the case, don't you think?" (Melinda)

"Indeed! A different Shin! Such a thing would be..." (Sicily)

"Oi, can you not create a plan for my future?" (Shin)

"Not at all! We aren't..." (Sicily)

"My Grandma's jokes may be misunderstood so please don't listen to her." (Shin)

"Kukuku" (Melinda)

"Don't worry, Grandma is just joking" (Shin)

I quickly replied while patting Sicily's head.

"Auuu... that's right." (Sicily)

"Ah ha ha, you're so innocent." (Melinda)

"Ho ho ho. After this incident you can forget about having a normal life." (Merlin)

As Grandpa said, after the decorating ceremony, no one in the team can just walk around casually at their leisure.

If we walk through the town defenselessly, we'll instantly get surrounded.

"It would be a good idea to teach them Gate as soon as possible." (Merlin)

"Well... Maria told me that a lot of men called out to her recently, and she is getting fed up with it." (Sicily)

"Our families are famous so perhaps they only approach her to take advantage of that... I hope she has been brushing them aside..." (Shin)

"Looks like it... However, I'm always with Shin when I go outside so it's all ok..." (Sicily)

Sicily said that while being slightly embarrassed.

All right... Sicily won't go outside alone anymore.

Because Sicily's reputation from Swedes reached Earlshyde, there are many who worship her as a saint and ask for her help frequently.

If she goes out to the city by herself, she will be immediately surrounded and asked for salvation.

Not only that, it seems that there are people who consider that to be insolence, so I had to escort her in a different sense than before.

Although.. I don't think there is anyone that can do something like that to Sicily as she is now...

Many people think they can do something to her by force under the impression that she is a saint... Guard investigator Orto taught me that during a recent visit. *(TN: The guy who figured out Stromm was behind the Cart incident)*

But I can't go outside anymore either.

Whenever I go out, I'll always go out with Grandpa or Grandma.

There seems to be a group of people who want to involve us in some kind of scandal... somehow I'm busy rounding them up.

"They think they can do whatever they want if they somehow get you on their side,

because you can slay a devil... Those types are beyond saving.” (Orto)

He warned me to be careful and always pay close attention to my surroundings before he went home.

That was all the more reason to teach everyone Gate.

“At any rate... The people’s expectations of Shin have grown...” (Sicily)

“After all, it’s become like this...” (Shin)

The whole team has the power to destroy devils, but I was the only one who received the title of “Magic King”.

As a result, the trend of “devils are easy to slay” was popularized.

However, when I questioned Uncle Dis about that during one of his visits, he said something surprising.

“That’s fine, we have told the officers to tell their soldiers that it’s only the Ultimate Magicians who can defeat devils.” (Dis)

“Were they convinced by that?” (Shin)

“Once we told them that they need the ability to subjugate disaster-grade demons by themselves in order to defeat devils... everyone was immediately convinced.” (Dis)

Come to think of it, May said something about disaster-grade demons inducing an abundant amount of trauma to the military...

Even if they can’t imagine the immeasurable power of a devil, they are fully aware of the horror of disaster-grade monsters.

“But what about the Three Major Powers’ talks? It might have an impact on them...” (Shin)

“You don’t have to worry about that. Although the negotiations may certainly prove to be difficult, we want people to think that the devils are not a threat. Remember it’ll be bad if a country has low morale and a depressing atmosphere.” (Dis)

“...Information manipulation?” (Shin)

“You know some difficult words, don’t you?” (Dis)

I understand what Uncle Dis is trying to say.

But I was worried as it may affect the Three Powers’ talks.

“Negotiation with other countries is my field of expertise, so you don’t need to get involved in that matter.” (August)

“...” (Shin)

Uwa... Really...

“What is it?” (August)

“No, no.. nothing...” (Shin)

“...I’ll question you later just leave the negotiations to me. We’ve already completed several simulations.” (August)

“Is that so?” (Shin)

What are we planning to do? Is the information-gathering going smoothly? It is a country that is considered to be a major power after all.

I was reassured by the royal father and child, so I judged that I wasn’t necessarily needed as it wasn’t my area of expertise.

“By the way... what did you say was wrong just now?” (August)

“Nothing’s wrong.” (Shin)

“Spit it out!” (August)

“It’s nothing!” (Shin)



“After that, I was scrutinously questioned by Gus...” (Shin)

“Fufu, Shin reacted exactly as I expected. I almost lol’d.” (August)

“When Elly finds out about this, it might become something troublesome...” (Shin)

“...” (Elly)

“No way... You already know...?” (Shin)

“Er, ummm... That...” (August)

“...Hey” (Elly)

“Ehe...” (August)

“Ehehe... This conversation is quite lovely! Just what the hell are you doing!” (Elly)

“Kyaa! I’m sorry! Honest!...Ah! It tickles!” (August)

“This guy! It’s not funny being in his shoes is it? Will the dust settle?” (Elly)

“Ah, sorry...” (???)

“Huu... Fu... I’m sorry” (August)

“Ho ho, your relationships are on good terms.” (Merlin)

Several days after the decorating ceremony, I went to pick up everyone who couldn’t openly walk outside and gathered everyone in one of the schools laboratories.

“How should I put it... It feels like it’s been quite a while...” (Yuri)

“I think so too after seeing as how our daily lives have been since the start of the summer holidays...” (Olivia)

“Now then, please quiet down as I’d like start teaching Gate right away, is that okay?” (Shin)

“Anytime!” (Rin)

Rin replied right away as she was unable to wait because she was looking forward to this day since the first day.

“Well then sit down and I’ll explain Gate as best as I can.” (Shin)

When I said that, everyone sat down obediently.

“I assume you’ve seen Gate many times now, so you know what it does?” (Shin)

Everyone nodded simultaneously.

“First of all, I’ll start with the image to activate Gate, but this is how I imagine it. Therefore, it may not fit everyone’s preferences so please adjust it for yourself.” (Shin)

After the intro, I drew point A and point B on the blackboard.

“Well, first of all we have to answer this question: how can I get the shortest distance from this point A to the point B?” (Shin)

“That’s simple. You go straight from here to here!” (Alice)

“Bzzz “ (Shin) *(TN: He’s imitating a quiz show buzzer. Idk why the others know what that is.)*

“What?!?” (Alice)

When I told Alice’s answer was incorrect, a commotion broke out immediately.

“What is the shortest distance if not a straight line?” (Maria)

“What is this? A riddle?” (Thor)

“Hmm... I don’t understand it at all!” (Rin)

Everyone quickly gave up.

“Well... I guess it would be hard to figure out if it’s on a blackboard...” (Shin)

“Why on a blackboard?” (Rin)

“Well then, why don’t you write it on paper?” (Shin)

When i said that everyone wrote two points on a piece of paper and started to worry about this and that.

“Raaah! Enough already! I don’t get it!” (Alice)

“Well everyone? Do you surrender?” (Shin)

“I don’t get it at all... “ (Rin)

“I’ll tell you the answer, but don’t say it’s sloppy. This is my image for Gate.” (Shin)

Everyone’s eyes became serious to my words.

“The reason I said it was difficult to arrive to the answer on the blackboard... is this.” (Shin)

I held the paper and folded it in two halves. With that... Point A and point B stuck together.

“First, visualize this paper is space and when I fold it, point A, is the place I’m currently at, point B, is the place I want to go to. That makes the distance between them zero, which is the shortest distance...” (Shin)

Then I pierced the overlapping points with a pen.

“This hole is Gate.” (Shin)

When I looked at everyone, some of them had an agape face, some of them understood, and so on.

“Such an idea... I never would’ve thought of it.” (Tony)

“Certainly the shortest distance is as he says... You can’t reach that conclusion on the blackboard.” (Mark)

“I see. I get it now.” (Rin)

“Do you understand the image?” (Shin)

Everyone did a large nod.

“You have to visualize the place you want to go when you start magic to open a Different Dimension Storage into two different places...” (Shin)

A Gate appeared in front of my eyes and connected to the back of the laboratory.

“This is the image for Gate and its activation method. You can’t use it unless it is a place you’ve already been to because you can’t imagine where you want it to connect to. Well? Does it seem possible?” (Shin)

“I can do it for sure.” (Alice)

“I understand the theory behind it. However, the activation is a different matter.” (Julius)

“Then today everybody will be practicing Gate. It took Grandpa quite a while before he could activate it, so you don’t have to feel depressed if you can’t pull it off right away.” (Shin)

I started collecting magical power as soon as I told them to practice.

Even though there’s been talks... that the heroes...



Well, there’s not malicious intentions in everyone wanting to try out Gate soon. Everyone is gathering magical power, and trying to activate it in the same way they open the Different Dimension Storage.

Since they imagined it how I explained it, everyone opened Different Dimension Storage instead of Gate.

Everytime that happened they had to try again only to open a Different Dimension Storage again and again... as we were practicing that, we lost track of time. After my explanation, everyone became so passionate in practicing Gate.

In the meantime, however, I was bored...

Despite their effort, no one succeeded on that day and the training session ended with failure.

“Muu... I almost got it!” (Rin)

It seems that Rin has made considerable progress.

At this rate, Rin is the most likely to be the first to learn Gate.



Three days passed after I started teaching Gate as a study group activity during the summer holidays...

“Yes! I did it!” (Alice)

“What...!?” (Shin)

Contrary to my expectations, Alice became the first member that was capable of using Gate besides me.

“I did it! I did it! With this I won’t be late anymore!” (Alice)

Although I want to congratulate her, her motive is impure!

In any case, there was a Gate open in front of Alice, and its exit is on the other end of the laboratory.

“Yeah, the gate is certainly open. Congratulations, Alice!” (Shin)

“I pass? Yes!” (Alice)

“Such... How?” (Rin)

“For the space, make it like GUYAAA, and then like AYAA! And then you just expand it!” (Alice)

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She doesn't get it at all.

Well... The Gate opened with that image for her, so I guess it's good enough.

Noticing Alice's success, everyone, including me, started working even harder.

I had a lot of spare time as usual, so I was devising a certain magic tool.

"Shin, what are you doing?" (Alice)

"Hm? Oh, I'm envisioning a magic tool." (Shin)

"Magic tool?" (Alice)

"You know about those communication tools, right?" (Shin)

"Yup." (Alice)

"I was thinking of creating a wireless version of that...?" (Shin)

"Wait a minute!" (August)

A voice was heard from Gus who should have been practicing Gate.

"What's wrong? Did you succeed?" (Shin)

"That doesn't matter right now... You... Did you just say something outrageous again?"
(August)

"Something outrageous?" (Shin)

"A wireless communication device!" (August)

When he cried that out, everyone stopped practicing and looked at us.

"Yeah, but... Why is it that terrible?" (Shin)

"Even though that communication machine of yours brought about a revolution in

information technology... You want to make it wireless? Do you want to cause an information war?" (August)

Information warfare... I often heard those words in my previous world but does this world still not have that concept?

"Er... Is it still too early...?" (Shin)

"Wired communication devices are being used only for communication between countries, and it will spread to the general public soon but... it's too early now." (August)

"Oh... well, I have no plans to actualize it yet. I'm only working on the concept." (Shin)

"Oh... Is that so...?" (August)

When I said that, Gus breathed a sigh of relief.

Do I have to go through the steps to introduce it to the world?

"Don't just stand there motionlessly. Return to practicing Gate." (Shin)

As I said that, everyone went back to practicing Gate.

The prospect of integration... Honestly that's the biggest problem.



The reason why a wireless communication device is hard to actualize and is still only a concept is... It's because it can't communicate if the receiving side isn't activated.

When a wired communication device is activated on the transmitting side, magical power is transmitted through the demonized large spider thread and the receiving sides communication device activates.

Because of that, communication is possible but when it comes to wireless, even if the transmitting side activates the communication device, the receiving side naturally doesn't activate autonomously.

In order to realize this, the receiving communication device must always be turned on.

Otherwise, how will the receiving side know when to turn on the device?

That's not realistic as it'll take way too much magic power. It's the main reason why I'm stuck.

There are other ways as well. Communication in the form of radio waves... In this case Magic waves? Communicating through them will probably need a relay station..

That being said, first of all, is it that straightforward? In order to establish a relay station, it will be necessary to develop a large-scale infrastructure.

When communicating directly with magic waves, it's necessary to investigate the maximum distance.

Eventually I'd like to set up a relay station... but when will that time come.

Regardless of what form the communication takes, the receiving side is the real problem.

There has to be something... There has got to be some sort of trick to this...

Although I thought about various ways of applying this sort of communication, they would mostly only work for me, who is ignorant to the common sense of this world.

I wonder if everyone can come up with something since they know the common sense of this world...

Gus told me it's still too early but it will be a huge advantage in attacking the Old Empire territory, so I can't stop it's development.

While everyone was practicing Gate, I was constantly thinking it over and over.

A few days later...



"I did it! I made it!" (Rin)

Rin shouted out.

When I caught her voice and looked at Rin, there was a Gate in front of her.

“I’m so happy! Yes!” (Rin)

Not only was Rin loud, but she also had a broad smile on her face. With this achievement, she rejoiced while breaking her deadlock.

Rin opened and closed Gate repeatedly.

“Oooh, you did it, Rin!” (Shin)

“It was a blunder to fall behind Alice, but I’m glad.” (Rin)

Those two really get along well.

However they tend to get a bit carried away...

The second successful person provided everyone with even more motivation to achieve it successfully.

Just before the summer vacation ended...



“Well, I did it....” (Olivia)

Olivia was the last to open a Gate and now the entire team has mastered Gate.

“Oh... With this... Everyone has learned Gate!” (Rin)

“Oh!” (Sicily)

“Huhu.” (Alice)

Alice can’t brag anymore about it.

“Oh! Just as summer break ends.” (Alice)

“I’m sorry...It took me so long...” (Olivia)

“Not at all! I think that it was a sufficiently early acquisition, since it’s magic that took even the Magi quite a while to figure it out.” (Maria)

“Thor also barely made it.” (Mark)

“You’re too noisy! Julius made it just before me!” (Thor)

“Even if by a little, he learned it before you.” (Mark)

“Grrr!” (Thor)

Everyone’s tension is high because they managed to master Gate.

I wonder if it’s because everyone wants to master more magic?

“Everyone, listen to me for a moment.” (August)

Gus called out to everyone making a racket. What is it?

“Everyone was able to master Gate safely, however, because of the circumstances you cannot use it carelessly due to our past achievements and decorations.” (August)

All of the members nodded at these words. It looks like they have caused Gus some inconvenience.

“But Shin’s magic is a dangerous thing that can easily tempt one to a path of evil.” (August)

...What? The direction of the talk is starting to make a strange turn...

“It goes without saying that being able to use Gate is to be seen as requiring stricter morals than regular folk.” (August)

Oh so that’s it. It’s a magic that can be easily used for crime. Because I don’t use it for such antics, I must be seen as a very moral person.

“Messina, brush off any man who calls out to you. Restrain yourself.” (August)

“Uuu... Yes, I will be careful.” (Maria)

Because of Maria's track record, I can't say anything.

"Freed, you and your female relationships. Can't you be a little more grown-up?"
(August)

"That's... I've been found out... Ok. I'll narrow it down to one person." (Tony)

...Does he have more than one? He'll end up getting burnt one day...

I can hear the murmurs, "Who'll be next?"...

"Corner." (August)

"Yes!" (Alice)

"...Don't come to school in pajamas." (August)

"I won't!" (Alice)

Alice seems to be the last in line.

Finally, Alice was warned, and the tension in the air started fading.

"Finally, Shin." (August)

"That wasn't all?" (Shin)

"You have to learn to restrain yourself." (August)

"I have been restraining myself recently!" (Shin)

"Oh really? By the way, what stage are you at in developing the wireless communication device?" (August)

"Oh, I got a basic structure already, however receiving will be... Certainly... However..."
(Shin)

Gus is making a scary face...

"Even after I told you it's too early!" (August)

“Ah! Damn it! My tongue slipped!” (Shin)

I ran away from the aggravated Gus.

I was thinking while running away.

A method where the receiving communication device can receive a message at anytime.

However, I couldn't figure it out.

Someone... Someone drop me a hint!

“Your tongue didn't slip! Wait! Get over here!” (August)

CHAPTER 60

I SOLVED A WORLD MYSTERY

I somehow persuaded Gus that a wireless communication device will be essential in coordinating the invasion in the vast territory of the old empire, thus received permission to develop it.

Granted, I can't tell anyone anything about it.

Everyone learning Gate marked the end of a very long summer vacation that also included a training camp, two devil attacks in other countries and a trip to the beach.

"Well then, Grandpa, Grandma, I'm going." (Shin)

"Yes, safe travels." (Melinda)

"Ho ho, take care." (Merlin)

"Yes!" (Shin)

There were various other events going on, but the biggest one for me was...

Sicily becoming my fiancée.

She became my girlfriend at the start of the summer vacation, although there was some confusion about how far have we progressed during the vacation, it wasn't by any means bad.

Rather, I'm quite pleased with it.

"Shin, let's go!" (Sicily)

"Oh! Grandpa, Grandma, I'm going." (Shin)

We went out and started walking with our arms folded.

By the way, Maria has gone directly to the classroom with Gate.

Then why are we traveling to the academy on foot?

“Ah! Big news, the Magic King and the Saint!”

“Beautiful as usual.”

“Ha... I want a girlfriend just like the Saint.”

“Impossible! There is no girl like the Saint!”

“What was that!?”

...There is somewhat of a disturbance... Stirred by the announcement of the Magic King and the Saint of the Ultimate Magicians being fiancés, told for the purpose of telling people that Sicily is off limits.

With this the turmoil will end right?

I’m not completely okay with this, but I’m doing it because there are many people with grudges against Sicily.

To be honest, I’m not too enthusiastic about putting on a show like this, but Ortho told me if the relationship between me and Sicily becomes widely known it will drastically decrease the number of men making advances towards Sicily.

But that can’t be the only reason.

Sometimes, those with evil intentions will be dragged away by the guards.

In addition to the declaration of a relationship between the Magic King and the Saint, we are probably playing the role of a decoy.

...I’m dejected those titles already spread so much...

At least I can experience the springtime of youth by walking with Sicily to school with her, and walking to school is pretty nice in and of itself.

Other than that, the townspeople response was unexpected.

“...I feel gazes from Magic Academy students...” (Sicily)

“That’s right... Although you were the same Magic Academy student as everyone before the summer vacation, you were decorated while on holiday... You don’t know how to handle it?” (Shin)

As we approach the school, the amount of students will naturally increase.

It’s obvious that the attitude is different from that before the holidays, that is to say stiff...

They are making noise while whispering to their friends.

Although it seems that the surroundings won’t be noisy for a while...

“How should I put it... It’s likely that we will be unable to interact with people outside of the research group...” (Sicily)

“What can you do? The other side probably won’t approach us.” (Shin)

“Then what about Mark and Olivia that aren’t in S class?” (Sicily)

“I see, I see...” (Shin)

Mark and Olivia are in A class. It seems that only those two will be out of place in class.

While arriving to school and worrying about those two, we entered the classroom after a long absence.

“Good morning, both of you.” (Maria)

“Good morning!” (Sicily)

“Good morning.” (Shin)

All of them are already here.

That’s right, because everyone learned Gate.

By the way, attending school via Gate required the school’s permission.

Because arriving normally would kick up a fuss, the permission was obtained quite

easily..

“O Alice, your uniform!” (Sicily)

“Wow...” (Rin)

“What’s wrong?...No way...” (Alice)

“No way, I guess this girl ate breakfast this way and then...” (August)

“Wow! Don’t tell me!” (Shin)

“Did you come in pajamas...?” (August)

“Uuuuu...” (Alice)



Alice's face was bright red.

Even though she was specifically warned...

I had thought she would do it every now and then but straight from the first day...

"Go home, change into your uniform, and come back!" (August)

"Alice didn't fall short of expectations." (Rin)

"I don't go out of my way to be an entertainer!" (Alice)

"So it's all natural?" (Rin)

"It isn't natural!" (Alice)

Even though it's noisy in the morning, when I look around the classroom... Something felt off.

But what?

"Ohhh, are there more desks?" (Shin)

"You've finally realized." (August)

"Oh, I barely noticed the number of desks increased." (Sicily)

It was unexpected. Until now the arrangement was: three seats, four seats, three seats. Now it's all four seats.

That means...

"Good morning, it's been a long time since Walford and Claude's engagement announcement party." (Alfred)

Mr. Alfred came accompanied by two students.

"From today these two will also take classes with S class, there's no need for introductions so you can sit down right away" (Alfred)

“Treat us well!” (Mark)

“Thank you.” (Olivia)

Mark and Olivia.

“Why is it like this?” (Yuri)

“Yes well, the Ultimate Magic Research Group... Now called Ultimate Magicians, since they are the only two students from A class in the group and can kill devils they will be considered a special case, and S class will be adapted to hold twelve people.” (Alfred)

I see, that’s good. I was worried whether they would be placed in a different class.

However... With that, the interaction with other classes will disappear...

“Today is the first day of the new semester, so it’s over after the opening ceremony and homeroom. Also, you will be commended in the opening ceremony.” (Alfred)

“Commended?” (Shin)

“Naturally, because the world is in crisis due to the devils, and the students of Earlshyde Advanced Magic Academy saved it from that crisis twice.” (Alfred)

So it’s like that. But what is the award?

“Do we get something like a certificate?” (Shin)

“There is a premium award to students with excellent marks at the time of their graduation. It’s the highest award that can be bestowed by the Academy, however, the achievement this time is too big, so we are afraid it’s not enough.” (Alfred)

Really? That’s it?

That means that we don’t have to do anything until graduation. It’s like getting the graduation award in advance.

“Well then, we’ll go to the auditorium now.” (Alfred)

While being led by Alfred-sensei, we headed towards the auditorium. On the way we felt everyone's gazes. Rather than making a commotion, the other students seem confused.

Then we arrived at the auditorium, we got the classic greeting speech about paying attention during the new semester by the school director.

"Lastly, everyone from the Ultimate Magic Research Group, please go up to the stage."

We are climbing up to the stage with the invitation of the moderator teacher who is using a voice amplification magical tool...

"Hooray! Yeah! Wooo!"

Everyone was confused by the sudden thunderous applause

"We weren't being avoided?" (Sicily)

"It certainly sounds different." (Shin)

"They just didn't know how to approach us. More importantly: Move!" (August)

"Oh, right!" (Shin)

The two of us can handle it but what about everyone else...?

In any case, we are not disliked so that's a relief.

"I guess you already know that, Ultimate Magicians became the Ultimate Magic Research Group again. Led by Shin Walford, the Freshman Representative, they defeated the very devils that attacked and destroyed the Empire!"

When the teacher said that in an excited tone, it infected the students, causing a big applause and cheers.

"Devil attacks have never been stopped twice before and those who received this decor up to this time are known to spread the name of our Earlshyde Advanced Magic Academy far and wide!"

More cheering.

What is this... The teacher seems to be enjoying the spotlight... Is he becoming a live MC?

“Therefore, we will award the reward originally presented to students with excellent scores only at the time of their graduation as recognition of their achievement. Headmaster, if you will.”

And like that we personally received a present from the headmaster.

I wonder what it is?

“Well then, Ultimate Magicians Representative, Shin Walford, please say a few words.”

“What?” (Shin)

Because it was so sudden, I unintentionally let out strange voice!

I was distracted by the contents of the gift and completely careless.

The students are giggling! Alfred-san, I wish you warned me!

In any case, now that I was nominated, I have to say something...

But what?

“Oh, Ultimate Magicians representative Shin Walford is it? By the way, when did I become the representative?” (Shin)

“I guess you were the head of the Ultimate Magic Research Group from the start.”

“So it’s like that... Well I don’t quite consider myself to be a hero and I believe there is no need to decorate us. We fight the devils because we believe that letting them run wild will lead to the destruction of the world.” (Shin)

Everyone was listening to my story motionlessly.

“Everyone in the team probably thinks that getting decorated is an honor, but every one of us think that it is a necessary action. I think we worked hard to protect the world, our country, and our precious friends and family.” (Shin)

When I looked at everyone, they were all nodding.

“Well, although Grandma is a woman, she’d rather attack than defend in my opinion.”
(Shin)

Oh, I made a joke again.

...But this time the teacher is laughing as well.

“The threat of the devils haven’t disappeared just yet. Instead, the threat of the devils may even be more intense in the future.” (Shin)

The devils are running wild and Stromm has not appeared ever since he took over the imperial capital.

I think that these two rounds were only a skirmish.

“From now on, it might become all-out warfare, and everyone may be called up. Joint training with the Knight Academy will almost certainly be arranged again.” (Shin)

When I said that, everyone’s faces turned tense.

Unfortunately, it’s true. Joint exercises with the Knight Academy are necessary.

“Let’s keep on working hard so that when the time comes to confront this crisis, you can protect yourself and those who are important to you! Er... That’s it from me. Thank you very much.” (Shin)

Saying that I left the voice amplification tool...

“UWAAAAAA!!!”

That was the loudest cheer today.

Everyone had determination in their eyes.

It’s easier to die during student mobilization. It’s imperative they improve their skills with lessons and field exercises.

“Magic King!”

“Magic King Shin-san!”

“Kyaaa-! Magic King-!”

Stop it! I don’t need cheers like that!

“That was a wonderful greeting. Everyone, there is a joint exercise with the knight school this semester too. Let’s subjugate a lot of demons and work hard so that we can improve our skills.”

“Yes!”

The Magic King shouts ceased and the reply of all the students in the auditorium echoed.

I returned to everyone while feeling sick from the sudden Magic King shouts. Gus was desperately holding in a laugh.

It’s his fault!

“Kukukuku, you seem to have become accustomed to speaking in front of a crowd haven’t you?” (August)

“You... that’s not it. Honestly, I’m not used to it yet.” (Shin)

“It was a wonderful greeting, no? You guys are motivated, right?” (August)

“Oh yeah! If everyone’s motivation goes up with this, there is nothing to be ashamed of.” (Maria)

I just said honestly what I felt at the moment, but if everyone’s motivation went up, wouldn’t it be improper to be embarrassed?

With our commendation, the opening ceremony was over, and we came back to the classroom.

“By the way, what is this gift?” (Shin)

“Oh? Shin doesn’t know?” (August)

“Even though it’s famous it’s not strange that you don’t know, Shin-dono.” (Alfred)

“Does everyone know?” (Shin)

“Yes, the Knight Academy and the Law School are a different matter, but what is given to excellent Magic Academy students is...” (Alfred)

“What is it?” (Shin)

“A manastone.” (Alfred)

“A manastone!?” (Shin)

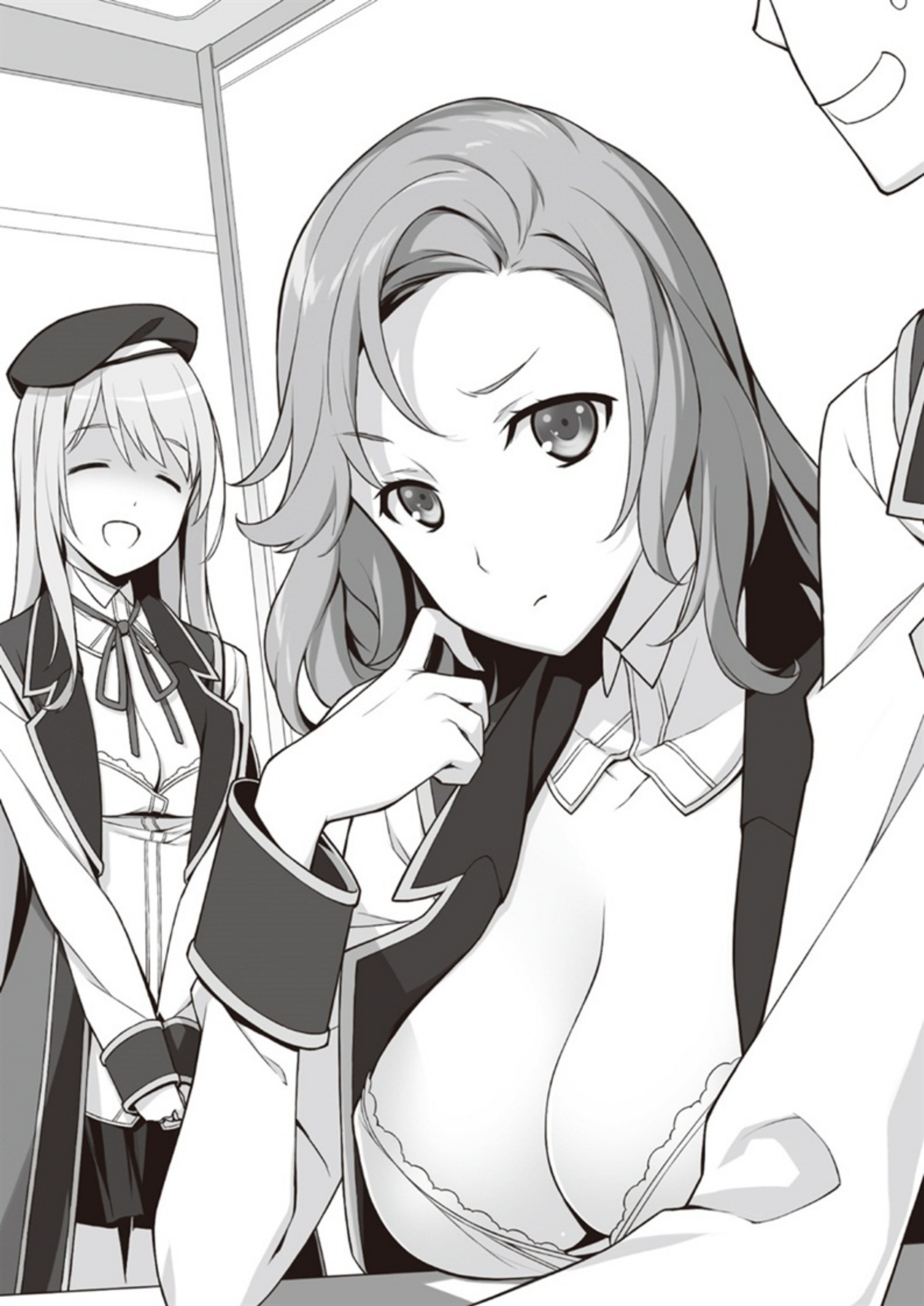
What’s that? I’m from a different world, but why did I never hear about them in this world?

“What? Walford, have you not heard about them from Melinda-sama?” (Yuri)

“This is the first time I’ve heard of it.” (Shin)

When I said that, everyone began whispering.

“I can’t bring myself to believe Melinda-sama would forget to include something like that in her lessons...” (Yuri)



“But if Shin doesn’t know then she didn’t teach him intentionally.” (Maria)

“This is probably because Melinda-sama knows if Shin finds out about manastones he will create something ridiculous.” (August)

“”Ah! I see!””

They synchronized.

“Well that’s it! We all agree!” (Maria)

“When you return, tell Melinda-sama you got a manastone at the academy and ask her how to use it? And...” (August)

“What and?” (Shin)

It seems that everyone knew about it. Is that normal in this world?

I’ve never seen it before... What is this? Manastone...

After all, nobody taught me about manastones.

Everyone told me: “Learn from Melinda-sama.”.

Even Sicily told me: “Er... I think it’s better to learn about it with Grandma’s instructions.”

...What did Grandma keep secret from me? I’m feeling really anxious...



The homeroom today ended with a talk concerning the lesson plan.

In any case, our magic practice seems to be self-study.

It seems that there is nothing the Academy can teach us.

The classroom lessons won’t change.

After listening to that notice, that school day was over. It finished in the late morning

and I wanted to ask my Grandmother about the manastone, so I had the study group have a day off.

After that, it seems everyone decided to disguise themselves and go out to town.

How soon will I be able to take a stroll through town without all the stress? I would enjoy something like that.

It's a challenge...

Everyone opened Gate and went home at once. It seems that they will converge afterwards.

I also wanted to go home quickly, so I decided to return home by Gate.

Maria accompanied us.

"I'm home, Alex." (Shin)

"Oh? Welcome back. Did you return by Gate?" (Alex)

"Yeah, I wanted to hurry back... Is Grandma still here?" (Shin)

"She can't go out without Gate. She doesn't understand Merlin-sama's Gate, but..." (Alex)

"Is that so? Thanks." (Shin)

"Don't mention it. I see you've brought Lady Maria alongside the young wife." (Alex)

"Yes, I'm home." (Sicily)

"The young wife has certainly settled in..." (Alex)

"She has, now that you mentioned it." (Shin)

"...Oh no, I... This is probably...." (Sicily)

"She's become used to it!" (Maria)

“...Really?” (Sicily)

“Truly!” (Alex)

I can hear chatter behind me.

More importantly, I wonder if Grandma is here?

“Are you home, Grandma?” (Shin)

“As soon as you’re back you’re noisy. Is something wrong?” (Melinda)

Good. She’s here.

“Yeah, I have something I want to ask you about Grandma.” (Shin)

“What?” (Melinda)

“What is a manastone?” (Shin)

“Where on earth did you hear about that!?” (Melinda)

Grandma is clearly agitated.

Is it that serious?

“The team was awarded today at the Academy. At that time I got a magic stone as a gift...” (Shin)

“Haaa... Finally... Finally Shin learned about the existence of manastones...?” (Melinda)

Grandma powerlessly sat down on the living room sofa.

Is it that hopeless?

“What? What is a manastone?” (Shin)

“...Haaa I can’t hide it forever... I was just delaying the inevitable... I understand. I will tell you.” (Melinda)

“Mhm.” (Shin)

My Grandma made up her mind to tell me.

...Unless you have determination you can't talk about it? Yet everyone knows about it?

“Manastone is a thing used for a magic tool.” (Melinda)

“Magical tool?” (Shin)

“Well, the magic tool that I taught Shin won't start without supplying power, right?”
(Melinda)

“That's right, isn't it?” (Shin)

“Manastone is a thing that can supply that magic power continuously.” (Melinda)

It supplies magical power continuously. In other words... Magical tools will continue to run even if someone doesn't start them?

Hmm? I've seen that somewhere...

“Ah! The barrier magic tool in the forest house!” (Shin)

“Yeah, It continues to be supplied with magical power from manastones. Because I used a fairly big manastone, it will last for the time being.” (Melinda)

“But... Is that really it?” (Shin)

“Really it?” (Melinda)

“No... there's gotta be something else if my Grandmother hid it for so long?” (Shin)

“There is nothing. A manastone is a substitute that allows magic tools to keep on running even if they leave the magician's hands. Only that.” (Melinda)

Really? Was it only Grandma who was hiding it?

When I looked at Sicily and Maria, they nodded.

The servants were the same.

“It is as Melinda-sama says, that’s all there is to it.” (Maria)

“If that’s the case, why didn’t you tell me?” (Shin)

“Why?” (Melinda)

Oh? Grandma’s face turned pale...

“Teaching you about manastones! I don’t know what kind of ridiculous thing you’ll make!” (Melinda)

Well yeah? That’s why?

I looked at Sicily and Maria asking for help...

Maria is nodding in agreement.

As for Sicily, she looks a bit troubled, but she has not denied it.

...Is this what everyone agreed upon at the Academy...?

“I didn’t want to teach it if I could help it, but... I guess I knew you’d learn it in class at the Academy, so I was postponing the problem until then.” (Melinda)

“A problem...” (Shin)

“It is a big problem!” (Melinda)

Maria is nodding again.

“Well, fortunately manastones aren’t easy to come by, but since you’ve already gotten your hands on one, I’ll show you how to use it.” (Melinda)

“Really!? Thanks, Grandma!” (Shin)

“Haaa... it’s lucky you only have one...” (Melinda)

By the way, she just said that they are hard to find.

And they're only given to excellent students. Is it that scarce?

"Are the manastones that rare? Where do you get them?" (Shin)

"Well, why do you ask Shin?...There is no excavation method for manastones. They're just found on accident." (Melinda)

"Accidentally?" (Shin)

"Yes, there is a mining site, but it's deep since manastones are only occasionally found in deep places." (Melinda)

"Hmmm... It's only found deep underground. Are there no examples of it being found elsewhere?" (Shin)

"I didn't hear much about it, but it seems to be rarely found when the earth rises to the surface from below." (Melinda)

"Meaning it can only originate from underground..." (Shin)

Randomly discovered, and rarely circulated...

"...It's unknown how manastones are created... Correct...?" (Shin)

"Something like that." (Melinda)

"Since the creating conditions aren't known, it's impossible to concentrate on mining exclusively manastones, so they're rarely on the market?" (Shin)

"He's thinking as usual... That's right." (Melinda)

"I see..." (Shin)

If it's so rare then it's not strange I haven't seen it, right?

It's been a few months since I came to the Capital, and my Grandmother taught me...

"Ah!" (Shin)

"What on earth!?" (Melinda)

I suddenly shouted and surprised Grandma but that's not important!

"Oh! If I use this..." (Shin)

A communicator can keep running constantly! It can be used like batteries!

"However... There's a small number..." (Shin)

If I use this, I can make a wireless communication device. I know it... But I can't prepare as many manastones as I need... It's possible to create one by using everyone's manastone, but this is a reward given to an individual. It would be unreasonable to ask them to let me use theirs...

"Well...No good..." (Shin)

"What? Just what on earth have you come up with and immediately given up on?"
(Melinda)

"There aren't enough manastones..." (Shin)

"So you say you don't have enough? Because they are rare, they're quite expensive."
(Melinda)

"I see..." (Shin)

I finally found the answer... It's possible to put a wireless communication device into practical use if there is a manastone.

However, manastones are rare and expensive, so they can't be used lightly.

What is the problem here?

A communication device that can't be put to practical use without using manastones?

An insufficient number of manastones?

Manastones being expensive?

The wireless communication device can't be improved any further. It's totally stuck. But if you use a manastone you can complete it. But it's rare and expensive...

“Amazing... is Shin always like this?” (Maria)

“Yes, do you understand my hardships now? He gets like this from the faintest idea.”
(Melinda)

“But this may be the secret of Shin’s greatness.” (Sicily)

“That’s right, we can’t deny that can we?” (Maria)

Everyone is saying something, but it doesn’t reach my ears.

For now, the problem is that the number of manastones is insufficient.

Could you dig out a manastone? Where? I don’t know it’s forming conditions.

Speaking of which, I was told you can only find them deep in the ground.

Are they the same as diamonds?

Come to think of it, there were artificial diamonds manufactured in my previous world.

Surely...

“High temperature and high pressure...” (Shin)

“What?” (Melinda)

Manastones come from deep in the earth... That is, they are created in high pressure environments.

That means that the magic power deep in the earth crystallizes under high pressure?

But why? Because of high temperature?

“...I’d like to try something...” (Shin)

“Try? What will you try?” (Melinda)

“Grandma, I’m going to the wilderness for a bit.” (Shin)

“Wait a second! What on earth are you planning to do?” (Melinda)

“Just a little experiment.” (Shin)

“So what is it...?” (Melinda)

“Perhaps it would be quicker to see it. Do you want to come along?” (Shin)

“It’s decided! We’re going!” (Melinda)

Thus, I came to the wilderness with Grandpa, Grandma, Sicily and Maria.

“I’m sorry, but you should put up magical barriers with full power since I don’t know what will happen.” (Shin)

When I said that, everyone deployed a full power magic barrier.

A barrier magic tool is activated, and it becomes double.

“That feels a bit excessive...” (Shin)

“No such thing. Is it an attack magic?” (Melinda)

“No, it’s not an attack nor a defense magic.” (Shin)

As I say that, I start to collect magic power.

“This... It’s an outrageous amount of magical power.” (Maria)

“Using so much magical power but it’s not an attack magic!? Impossible!” (Melinda)

“What’s the matter, Grandma?” (Shin)

I create high pressure by compressing the magical power I gather.

Even more... Smaller... At higher pressure...

Trying to collect it like that...

“No use...” (Shin)

As soon as I cancel the compression, the magical power scatters.

“In that case...” (Shin)

I collect the same magical power as before and compress it.

However, this time I add high temperature as well.

Smaller... Giving high temperature... Smaller... Hotter...



Compressing it that way, it compresses to the size of the first joint of the thumb and I continue to apply high heat and high pressure for a while.

After a while I release the heat and pressure...

"I was able to do it..." (Shin)

In my palm was a clear, completed, transparent manastone emitting magic.

"Yes! I made it!" (Shin)

"What! What did you do?" (Melinda)

I screamed at the solution to my various problems, and hearing me, Grandma came flying.

"Grandma! Look! Look!" (Shin)

"What? What did you..." (Melinda)

Grandma lost her voice looking at the just created manastone in my palm.

It's a discovery of the century. It's probably natural for my Grandma to lose her voice.

"Really... He really created it..." (Melinda)

For some reason she fell to her knees, crestfallen.

Huh? Where is "That's great!"? Where is the joy? I mean...

She looks sort of desperate...

"What's the matter? Are you alright Melinda?" (Merlin)

"Grandma?" (Sicily)

"What happened?" (Maria)

Three people arrived late, and saw Grandma on her knees looking down.

“Shin... Shin...” (Melinda)

“What about Shin!?” (Merlin)

“Shin... Created a manastone...” (Melinda)

“”...What...?”“ (M,S,M)

Everyone has a stunned face.

This... Have I done it again?

“The manastone in Shins palm... Shin produced it just now...” (Melinda)

“Wait a second, let me take a look!” (Merlin)

“Ok.” (Shin)

I hand over the manastone I just created to Grandpa.

“This is...! It’s small but it’s definitely a manastone!” (Merlin)

“No way! Is it true?” (Maria)

“Creation of a manastone... Wasn’t that a world mystery no one has been able to solve?” (Sicily)

“Well, until now. Hey, Shin. How did you create a manastone?” (Merlin)

“Manastones originate from deep within the earth, right?” (Shin)

“That’s right.” (Merlin)

“When mining, it might be hard to understand because of everything getting digged up, but before digging them out there is a lot of earth and sand top of them. That would put a lot of pressure on them, correct?” (Shin)

“When you say that... Certainly it is so.” (Merlin)

“Knowing that... I thought that a lot of pressure is necessary for the creation of

manastones.” (Shin)

“...Because of that?” (Maria)

“At first, I compressed magical power by applying pressure alone but that failed, so I thought of something else that can be found deep underground, I thought of heat and added high temperature...” (Shin)

“You mean that manastones are created...?” (Merlin)

“Perhaps... Is there a volcano or a fault line near the mine where manastones are excavated?” (Shin)

“Certainly... Certainly there is one!” (Maria)

“I thought so.” (Shin)

Are heat and pressure the conditions necessary for the creation of manastones?

However, it would take some time to form, because natural magic power will be compressed little by little.

“Ha... Really... What goes on in that head of yours...?” (Melinda)

“He really is out there... But Shin is a good child.” (Merlin)

“What?” (Shin)

“However, this is really unnecessary. If word gets out that you can create manastones... The world will fall into another mess.” (Melinda)

“Because they’re rare? I know that much, but I just wanted a bit more of them.” (Shin)

“Never would I have thought you would solve the mystery of the manastones so soon after learning about them. You really are an outrageous child.” (Melinda)

“Ho ho, It’s not good to be always stopping his progress. It’s a wonderful thing.” (Merlin)

“Because of you he’s such a... Good grief...” (Melinda)

Manastones are rare and expensive, so I'm not going to sell this artificial manastone.

As one would expect it would plunge the world in chaos.

But I plan to generate only the necessary parts for a wireless communication device.
Even though it's not good for Grandma.

By the way, hasn't Sicily been quiet for quite some time now?

"The mystery that nobody could solve... In the blink of an eye... Shin-kun is amazing..."
(Sicily)

She was looking at me with wet eyes.



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